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ACTION: NONE INFO: FILE, WF, CI-3, CC-40-5, CR/AE, CTS, CWO-2,  
DDO-4, EPS/EG-2, IAD/CAS-3, IAD/CSG-4, IAD/TG-4, INT/FL, NE-4, NESA,  
NESA/AFI-2, ILL/LE, LOP-4, JOPS-8, OGCR-2, OGCR/ER-2, OPA/II-2,  
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RUQNR/AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI NIACT IMMEDIATE 1884

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RUEHED/AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE 680

RUQMDH/AMCONSUL DHAKRA NIACT IMMEDIATE 1247

RUQMOD/AMEMBASSY DOHA NIACT IMMEDIATE 1649

RUQMR/AMEMBASSY JUDDA NIACT IMMEDIATE 1311

RUQMA/AMEMBASSY KUAIT NIACT IMMEDIATE 3445

RUQMYA/USLO RIYADH NIACT IMMEDIATE 285

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E.O. 12065: GDS GDS 4/25/86 (DAVIS, MICHAEL) OR-M

TAGS: PIAT, NFOL, ASEC, MOPS, BA

SUBJECT: REUTERS REPORT ON ALLEGED BAHRAIN FUELING STOP FOR  
TEHRAN RESCUE MISSION

REF: A. KUAIT 2050 F. STATE 109161

1. (C ENTIRE TEXT)

2. CHARGE CONTACTED THIS MORNING BY LOCAL REUTERS CORRESPONDENT  
ASKING FOR COMMENT ON SAME STORY FROM KUL ISRAEL CITED IN KUAIT  
REFTEL ON ALLEGED BAHRAIN REFUELING STOP FOR TEHRAN RESCUE MISSION  
AIRCRAFT. CORRESPONDENT SAID HIS BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT SOURCES

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DENIED BAHRAINI INVOLVEMENT.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT WE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE ABORTED RESCUE  
MISSION BEYOND THE INFORMATION IN TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTS' STATEMENT.

4. WE WERE ALSO CALLED THIS AFTERNOON BY LOCAL PRESS ASKING FOR  
OUR COMMENT ABOUT ALLEGED ABC REPORT OUT OF NEW YORK SAYING THAT  
US AIRCRAFT AND BOUNDED FROM TEHRAN RESCUE MISSION ARE PRESENTLY  
IN BAHRAIN. REPORTED SAIL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION SPOKESMAN  
HAD DENIED ABC REPORT.

5. GIVEN GOB SENSITIVITY TO WESTERN, ESPECIALLY US, PRESS DISTORTIONS  
OF BAHRAIN, AND GIVEN TOUCHY SECURITY SITUATION CURRENTLY  
PREVAILING HERE, WE CAN EXPECT TO BE CLOSELY QUERIED BY GOB  
SATURDAY ON THESE PRESS REPORTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE AGREE WITH KUAIT THAT A QUICK DEPARTMENT  
OR WHITE HOUSE DENIAL OR CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY. PLEASE INFORM  
US ASAP.  
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